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SUBJ: MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR KUWAIT

REF: KUWAIT 3094

1. ON SEPT 17 AMBASSADOR ASKED FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSEC RASHID RE STATUS OUR REQUEST THAT GOK AUTHORIZE MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR US CITIZENS ON RECIPROCAL BASIS (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS). RASHID SAID MATTER HAD BEEN REFERRED TO HIM AND, WHILE HE WANTED TO HELP, THERE WAS A PROBLEM. IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT, HE ASSERTED, TO ALLOW US CITIZENS TO RECEIVE MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS WITHOUT GRANTING SAME PRIVILEGE TO HOST OF OTHER COUNTRIES, SOME OF WHICH KUWAIT HAD NO DESIRE TO ACCOMMODATE IN THAT MANNER. MATTER, HE ADDED, COULD NOT BE HANDLED ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS WITH USG -- TOO MANY POSSIBILITIES FOR LEAKS IN HIS MINISTRY.

2. AMBASSADOR REPLIED HE COULD UNDERSTAND RASHID'S PROBLEM. ON OTHER HAND RASHID WOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND EMBASSY COULD NOT CONTINUE TO ISSUE MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO KUWAITIS UNLESS GOK WILLING RECIPROCATATE. RASHID SAID THIS WAS PERFECTLY REASONABLE POSITION. HE STILL STUDYING MATTER AND WOULD ADVISE.

3. EMBASSY WILL GIVE KUWAITI FONMINISTRY A LITTLE MORE TCNS TO SOLVE PROBLEM AND, IF THIS PROVES IMPOSSIBLE, WE WILL CEASE AND DESIST FROM FURTHER ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO KUWAITIS.
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